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Applicants : Seiji KAWA et al.  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Percent extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	49	Minus	** = 49	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	9	Minus	*** = 9	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, wherein restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-22, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to decoding control "for controlling a process to decode encoded data by selecting one of pictures on the basis of an edit point;"

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Group II claims 23-36, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to information processing “using a decoding control list maker for making a decoding control list describing at least an edit point and a start point;” and

Group III claims 37-49, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to “decoding encoded data in picture units by selecting one of pictures on the basis of a decoding control list.”


While Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner’s characterization of the claims or of their grouping, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-22 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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